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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item #9**—LAFCO 2940: Service Review and Sphere Of Influence Update for the Rubidoux Community Services District

INITIATED BY:

San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine that LAFCO 2940 is statutorily exempt from environmental review, and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption within five days;
2. Make findings related to a service review required by Government Code Section 56430, and determine that the existing sphere of influence for the Rubidoux Community Services District within San Bernardino County should not be changed; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2794 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations on this issue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This proposal was initiated by the Local Agency Formation Commission on January 15, 2003, in response to state mandates requiring service reviews and sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts on a rotating five-year schedule. LAFCO 2940 is a routine, non-controversial service review and sphere of influence update for the Rubidoux Community

Services District (RCSD). Included as Attachment #1 are maps which identify the boundaries and sphere of influence for RCSD within San Bernardino County. Attachment #2 to this report is a District Summary Profile Sheet and the response provided by the District to the LAFCO survey of the factors required by Government Code Section 56430 for a service review.

The RCSD is an independent special district formed under the provisions of Community Services District Law, Government Code Sections 61000 through 61934. It is governed by a five-member, locally-elected Board of Directors, and is authorized to provide fire protection, water, water quality control, sewer refuse collection, streetlights, and weed abatement services. However, the primary functions of the RCSD within its boundaries in San Bernardino County are limited to the provision of wastewater collection and disposal, fire protection, streetlighting and refuse collection services. The area currently included within the District's sphere of influence encompasses approximately 204 acres of which a total of approximately 127 +/- acres are within the District's corporate boundaries.

The major points of consideration within the response provided by RCSD are the following:

1. The RCSD is not proposing any changes to its sphere of influence within San Bernardino County. The County Boundary Exchange recently approved by both the San Bernardino and Riverside County Boards of Supervisors does not impact this agency since it currently exists within all areas to be exchanged. The District indicates that it does not anticipate submission of any other sphere of influence amendments within San Bernardino County within the next five years.
2. San Bernardino LAFCO does not have jurisdiction over the authorization of active powers for the RCSD. That responsibility falls to the Riverside LAFCO as the "principal county" for this agency. The District has indicated that the services to be offered within San Bernardino County are:

SERVICE	FUNCTIONS
Sewer	Collection, transportation, treatment, reclamation, disposal
Fire Protection	Structural fire protection
Streetlighting	Streetlighting
Refuse	Collection

Water service within the RCSD jurisdiction within San Bernardino County is provided by the West Valley Water District (formerly known as the West San Bernardino County Water District).

The area of the RCSD sphere of influence is currently within the City of Rialto sphere of influence and no change is contemplated at this time. It is noted that none of the adjacent or overlaying agencies have identified any concerns with the existing sphere of influence for the RCSD.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the information outlined above and the response from the RCSD, staff recommends that the Commission uphold and affirm the existing sphere of influence for the District. In addition, staff recommends that the Commission adopt Resolution #2794 which sets forth written responses to the statutory factors related to service reviews and sphere of influence studies.

Attachments:

1. Map of the Existing Sphere of Influence of the Rubidoux Community Services District
2. Summary District Profile Sheet and Survey Response from the Rubidoux Community Services District
3. Response from Tom Dodson and Associates
4. Draft Resolution #2794